

Love one another and the world as Christ loves us

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From The Clergy

Dear ones,

By the time this reaches you Election Day will be either upon us or just passed. It's been a brutal general election campaign – and that's probably an understatement! I think that we all feel deeply saddened by the way in which the campaign became so personal and vitriolic. It will take a while for our nation to heal. That said, while the national election is important it has to be remembered that it only has a limited effect on our daily lives.

Our day to day is largely shaped by the one-on-one personal interactions that we have, by the work of local people – friends and neighbors – and by the small, everyday decisions and choices that we make ourselves. Our lives, our communities and indeed the world is made up of the small acts of loving kindness that go mostly unseen and unsung: A parent who stays up all night with a sick child and then goes out to work the next morning: A son or daughter who lovingly cares for an older, frail parent: a teacher who buys classroom supplies for their students because there isn't enough money in the school budget: a volunteer who drives around the community delivering Meals on Wheels to the housebound: A neighbor who goes around the block picking up the trash... all these things and many, many more – stories that never make the headlines, never make breaking news or get flashed in neon. But these are stories that create and shape our daily lives, these are the stories that create and shape our communities, these are the stories that are 'real' – true - and make us human. And I would go so far as to say these are the stories that reveal – proclaim – the Kingdom of God among us!

So, as we get back to 'normal' following the elections let's refocus our attention on these things, the small things, the real things. And pledge ourselves anew to proclaim in word and deed the King-

dom of God among us.

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Special Events and Worship in November

- **All Souls' Sung Eucharist** – Wednesday, November 2nd, 7:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary
- **1st Sunday Lunch** – Sunday, November 6th, following the 10:30 a.m. Traditional Eucharist. Also a presentation on the **Vision for Good Samaritan for 2017** following both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. liturgies
- Sunday, November 13th:
 - Harvest of Art** – church artists will be showcasing their work (Simpson Hall)
 - 2017 Budget Presentation** – following the 8:00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Liturgies
 - Choral Evensong** – traditional Anglican Worship, 3:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary
- Sunday, November 20th:
 - 'Stir up Sunday'** wreath making after church (Simpson Hall)
 - Sundays@3 Concert** (Main Sanctuary)
- **Thanksgiving Eve Sung Eucharist** – Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. (Chapel)
- **1st Sunday of Advent** – Sunday, November 27th
 - 8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
 - 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist (Bp. Katharine Lounge)
 - 10:30 a.m. Traditional Sung Eucharist (Main Sanctuary)
 - 7:00 p.m. Sung Compline (Main Sanctuary)

Nominations for Vestry:

“Vestry members are the legal representatives and agents of a parish.” (Vestry Resource Guide)
Members of the Vestry share with the clergy in dis-

cerning a vision of mission and service for the local church and leading in fulfillment of that vision.

Our Vestry at Good Samaritan helps to lead and support the various ministries and worship of our community as well as overseeing the budget and governance of our church. Vestry meets once a month on the third Tuesday and usually gathers

for planning and development twice a year. If you feel a call to serve your church in this vital ministry please talk to a member of our nominating committee: Keith Gelbrich, Bill Smoker, Paul VanDevelder, or contact Fr. Simon. A member of the Vestry serves for a term of three years.

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Treasurers Report

Summary through September 2016

	September	September	2016	2016	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income					
Pledges	23,061	26,085	246,755	254,328	339,100
Other pledge related income	0	0	15,105	18,261	18,961
All other DPA income	1,318	2,729	21,789	28,662	42,850
Non-DPA income	1,673	1,100	6,806	6,300	8,400
Total Income	26,053	29,914	290,456	307,551	409,311
Expenses					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	4,641	4,641	41,769	41,769	55,692
Personnel	21,113	21,252	196,080	197,657	267,643
Administration - Operations	3,193	3,906	45,479	47,044	60,230
Property	2,956	3,489	24,013	26,235	30,672
Vestry Ministries	400	1,301	3,301	8,511	11,614
Outreach from Operations	533	533	7,200	7,200	11,200
Other Expenses	0	46	236	412	550
Total Expenses	32,837	35,169	318,078	328,827	437,601
Net	-6,784	-5,254	-27,621	-21,276	-28,290

Narrative

1. Income:

- a) Pledge income for the year is somewhat below budget
- b) Donations from regular givers continues to be below budget.

2. Expenses:

- a) Expenses in the Administration, Property and Vestry Ministries categories continue to be below budget.
- b) Total expenses for the year are \$10,749 below budget.

3. Summary: Assuming that we finish the year with all of us fulfilling our pledges, the projection for 2016 remains basically the same as our budget.

Please direct questions to John Shea, Treasurer, John.Shea54@gmail.com, 541 754-6832

Music Notes

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you've been enjoying the rain as much as I have. I believe Corvallis looks its best in the autumn. Music at church remains busy as we prepare some upcoming events:

Our **October 30, Sundays@3 Concert** will feature the **Willamette University Vocal Jazz Ensemble at 3:00 p.m.** Seventeen singers plus a jazz combo will make this a concert to remember! Willamette University's ensemble is well known throughout the state, and we are fortunate to host the whole group here at Good Samaritan.

Make sure you come to our **Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m.** Evensong is a beautiful Anglican service focused sung liturgy; our very own Good Samaritan Choir will be presenting service music by various English composers (William Smith, Thomas Morley, John Rutter, to name a few). A reception will follow the service!

If you're interested in participating in music at Good Samaritan, you can email me:

moursundjames@gmail.com

Music Lesson: I encourage you to listen to the following "top 3 scary pieces" of music (as chosen arbitrarily by the author). Firstly, the famous *Toccatina and Fugue in d minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach (BWV 565); I'm sure you've heard this one before! Secondly, slightly less-well-known but equally terrifying, *Dies Irae* from Verdi's *Requiem*; that one will give you shivers! Finally, an odd choice but strikingly appropriate for the season: *Lacrymosa* from Mozart's *Requiem*; the great composer actually died while writing this movement, and it was finished by his students. Eerie...

Best,

—James Moursund, Director of Music

Foundation

Are you a Pocket Protector?

Are you using your "Three Pockets of Giving"?

There are three distinct ways we can help build the kingdom by supporting our church.

Most of us have regular money coming in, and

we give a portion as our annual pledge.

Many of us have savings and other investments, and we may use these to help with capital campaigns and other special expenses.

All of us will pass on, and we should continue giving in our estate plans.

"All things come of Thee, oh Lord; and of Thine own have we given thee".

—Andrew Moursund

Vestry and Committee Reports

Your Vestry Personnel 2016

Paul VanDevelder	Senior Warden
Bill Smoker	Outreach
	Committee Chair,
	Rex Cole

Opportunity to help the Homeless

The Church of the Good Samaritan supports a number of programs that seek to prevent homelessness and to help those who are homeless resolve problems that contribute to their homelessness. These programs assist families, children, men and women in need. In spite of these programs, there are a number of men and women in Corvallis who face cold wet nights living without shelter during the winter.

To meet this need we have for many years provided volunteers for the men's and women's homeless shelters in Corvallis, which operate each night from November 1 to March 31. Without the help of volunteers to assist the paid staff, the shelters would not be open. We provide volunteers for one week at each of the shelters. This year Good Samaritan will be providing volunteers at the **Men's Shelter** from November 14th to November 20th. We will volunteer at the women's shelter in January or February.

Please consider volunteering. For each night at the men's shelter we need: 1 or 2 Snack providers/Food Hosts (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.); 2 or 3 Greeters/Bag Check (6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.); 1 Upstairs Greeters (6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.); and 1 Overnight Backup Person (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.). Suggest-

tions will be provided for appropriate snacks, and an optional orientation meeting will be held after services on November 6. Sign-up to volunteer on the poster at church, or call Rex Cole @ 541-753-6713.

Socks for Soles Drive -

Another way to help the homeless

Good Samaritan is supporting **Socks for Soles** from October 24 through November 4 (and possibly beyond). This is a drive to provide new socks for people at the Men’s and Women’s Homeless Shelter, homeless families served by Community Outreach, Inc., and those in need visiting the Corvallis Day-time Drop-in Center (CDDC). The CDDC alone gives out 5 pairs of socks a day during the winter months. There is a need for socks for men, women, and children, but the greatest need is for men’s socks. The drive is organized by the Corvallis Odd-fellows, and involves student leadership at CHS and CV, Community Outreach, and the Corvallis School District. Please bring new warm socks to the wicker basket in the Parish Hall near a poster advertising the drive. The basket will be in place beginning on October 23, and a blessing of all socks collected will occur on Sunday, November 6. Thank you for helping with this important need.

Designated Offering for November

Good Samaritan is a member of Healthcare for All Oregon (HCAO) - a coalition of over 120 organizations statewide – churches, community groups, unions, consumer groups, and individuals, who support a statewide system of health care which is universal, accessible, affordable, publicly funded, privately delivered. It has developed a strategic plan which includes the accomplishment of such a system by 2020 via legislative action or by approval of a ballot measure. Your contribution (Check made out to Church of Good Samaritan and placed in designated offering envelope) will allow our continued membership in HCAO, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Keith Gelbrich Spiritual Nurture
 Committee Chair,
 Cammie Bella

Thank You

A very special Thank You to the team who were instrumental in bringing The Rev. Carolyn W. Metzler to Good Samaritan Church for the workshop Fighting for Our Lives: Transforming Conflict in Christian Communities on Saturday October 8, 2016. The workshop was attended by Good Samaritan members and others from the community. She was also invited to preach at the services on Sunday, October 9th. This special effort was supported by our Clergy, staff and parishioners Bill Becker, Cammie Bella, Rex & Cindy Cole, Linda Gelbrich and Phyllis Mix. We are all blessed by their special efforts.

— Phyllis Mix

Ruth Burns	Parish Life Committee Chair, Michele Justice
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Robert Lovelady	At Large
Ric Bergey	Finance Committee Chair, John Shea
Mike Propst	Worship Committee Chair, Simon Justice
Stephanie Wohlwend	Music Committee Chair, James Moursund
Beverley Beckley	Environmental Ministries Committee Chair, Bill Becker Campus Ministry Committee Chair, Linda Gelbrich Judy Burridge
Michelle Millar	Stewardship Committee Chair, None

Pat Boyce

Children and Family
Committee Chair,
Mo. Abigail

EGGS – Poached

After a delightful September, October has brought with it much rain; the second season seems to be upon us a bit early this year. On the other hand – and there always is another hand – the lawns that seemed so dispirited have taken on a bright green hue. How beautiful is God’s Creation!

Nothing new, just a few reminders this month. “Try to remember ... “as the song says. In the kitchen, remember that all food scraps, table leavings, rotten apples and such should go in the organic recycling container, as should those greasy pizza boxes. In the bathroom, the toilet paper rolls, toothpaste boxes, and used-up aerosol cans should go in the commingled recycling.

You have some tired athletic shoes? Take them to Five Star Sports, downtown at 219 SW Madison, and they will send them off for re-use if they still are wearable or for recycling if they are no longer usable as shoes.

Have a bunch of old books, CDs or DVDs that you really don’t need? Take them to the public library and they will be made available for the Friends of the Library book sales. You can drop them off just inside the entrance door, at the far end of the underground parking lot at the library. And be sure to check out the Friends pre-Christmas book sale in early December, a great source of “recycled” Christmas gifts.

Let me close with some lines by John Muir:

The grand show is eternal,
it is always sunrise somewhere;
the dew is never all dried at once;
a shower is forever falling, vapor is ever rising.

Eternal sunrise, eternal sunset, eternal dawn
and gloaming,

On sea and continents and islands, each in its
turn,

As the round earth rolls.

Thanks be to God!

—Bill Becker

Happenings

Health Care Reform Update

The ballot for folks living within the city of Corvallis contains a ballot measure sponsored by supporters of universal health care. Hopefully, you recall that in the last session of the state legislator a study bill was funded which required a study of the best way to finance a system of universal health care for all residents in Oregon. The contract for that study was granted to the Rand Corporation and The Results Of That Study Are Due In November! It is critical that the legislature act on that study and not just say “thank you” and shelve it. To that end, Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates and Health Care for All Oregon have gained the approval of the Corvallis City Council to put a measure on the November ballot:

The question is this: “Shall the Oregon legislature, through a public process, develop a health care system that serves all Oregonians?” This is a non-binding advisory question which asks whether the Oregon State Legislature in the 2017 session should establish a public process to design a health care system that serves all Oregon residents. The goal of the public process is to develop a proposal that will be referred to voters or enacted by the legislature and which is based on the results of previously enacted laws and the results of the study bill.

A “YES” vote lets the legislature know that the people of Oregon want this to happen - that they are tired of ever increasing costs for their health care - tired of health care being the #1 cause of personal bankruptcy - tired of the complications of finding a program they can afford, that fits their needs, includes their doctor - and on and on. Other cities in Oregon are voting on similar measures. It is important to let the legislature know that we want this to happen!

Please consider voting “YES” on ballot measure 2-95.

—Edie Orner 541-926-5989 ediestewart29@msn.com

View From The Village

It's that time of year once again. Our Christmas Bazaar for the Samaritan Village Bus Fund is coming up November 18 and 19 over here at the Village. Many of you have come to our Christmas Bazaars and supported us over the years. Thanks to your loyalty and the loyalty of our neighbors, we have had successful Bazaars. We hope this one is no exception. The money that comes in will help pay the annual insurance for the bus and the car. You will find Christmas items, baked goods, and cheerful, helpful residents to show you around.

Our gardeners are in the back moving things around and planting with the help of some college students. The SV Board Director, Joe Heaney, has contributed his time to build raised garden boxes and pressure wash the greenhouse. You might say that our back gardens are in construction mode right now. Feel free to come see the transition.

On November 11, Veterans Day, we plan to honor our resident and staff veterans with a small ceremony at lunch time. If you have a moment, please come to see that. Each veteran present will receive a small gift as a token of their service. Did you know that one of our kitchen staff, Dashang Pang, served in the Chinese Army as a conscript? I believe he managed an officer's club mess and was also a barber. Dashang told me that conscripts to the Chinese Army have no rank. They are required to serve two years.

See you at the Village!

—Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

Other Activities

Harvest of Art

The "Harvest of Art" show and sale will be held Sunday, November 13, in Simpson Hall. Come and see what we have.

Artists: If you want to participate in this event contact me at 503-568-4502 or email me at acre-woodster@gmail.com.

Thank you,

—Wayne Bricco

Library Listings

A variety of books have been appearing in the library which seem to speak to different aspects of our faith life - here is a sampling:

CRAZY CHRISTIANS - A Call to Follow Jesus by Our new presiding Bishop - Michael B. Curry — with a forward by Katharine Jefferts Schori — “Read these reflections by Michael Curry only if you want your vision of discipleship to be renewed; read them only if you want your picture of what life in this world can look like to be reinvigorated; read them only if you are willing to risk deepening your friendship with Jesus. Inspiring, provocative, and profound, this book will draw you in, from its first page - and then it will send you out.”

YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL - A Guide for Believers and Skeptics Alike - by J. B. Phillips — In this book, the author “explains that the trouble facing many of us today is that we have not found a God big enough for our modern needs. In a world where our experience of life has grown in myriad directions, and our mental horizons have been expanded to the point of bewilderment by world events and scientific discoveries, our ideas of God have remained largely static....”

ENCYCLICAL ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND INEQUALITY - On Care for Our Common Home - by Pope Francis - this message “is a call to action that insists we embrace the moral dimensions of problems that have heretofore been viewed primarily as scientific, technological, and economic. While it has been billed as an encyclical on the environment, the letter covers virtually every important topic in contemporary life.” Climate change, deforestation, the need for clean, safe drinking water, population, public transportation urban planning and architecture, social media, genetic modification of crops, deregulated markets, corruption — you name it, it is here. Interconnectedness and the common good is the theme.

HEALING THE HEART OF DEMOCRACY – The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit - by Parker J. Palmer — “All who harbor concerns about American politics will find in this book a wise and kindred spirit who reminds us of choices we can make to help ‘reweave the tattered fabric of our civic life. You will close this book appreciating how much you can do, and how much

depends on you.”

MONEY AND FAITH - The Search for Enough - edited by Michael Schut - containing essays by Henri Nouwen, Dave Barry and Jean-Bertrand Aristide — “Show me your checkbook and I will tell you what you believe, goes an anonymous quote. Indeed, our relationship with and use of money reveals a great deal about our values. Money, poverty, and wealth gained more of Jesus’ attention than most any other subject, yet we rarely talk about the stuff. Money can both set us free and enslave us. Money can become a particularly insidious evil, or it can serve as a very useful tool in the world.”

HOLY CURRENCY EXCHANGE - 101 Stories, Songs, Actions, and Visions of Missional and Sustainable Ministries - by Eric H. F. Law — “We all have gifts - time, place, leadership, relationship, truth, wellness, and money. What does it look like when we consistently exchange those gifts according to God’s vision as Jesus did? Following the lessons (of a previous book - **HOLY CURRENCIES-2013**) - this book will guide you and inspire your faith community to mobilize with new vitality as it dares to live like Jesus.”

THE INVITING CHURCH - a Study of new member assimilation by Roy M. Oswald and Speed B. Leas - with research from the Alban Institute — The purpose of this book is to share with you our reflections on what happens to people as they discover, explore and then join a local congregation. Some of what we will have to say here is descriptive of our experience and what we have heard newcomers say about what befell them as they moved into a congregation. In other parts of this book you will find that what we have to say is prescriptive, that is, we will suggest some things that have been useful to leaders.

—and in a somewhat different vein —

ASK ME - 100 essential poems - by William Stafford — “In our time there has been no poet who revived human hearts and spirits more convincingly than William Stafford. There has been no one who gave more courage to a journey with words, and silence, and an awakening life.”

— and a new novel.

OTHER PEOPLE’S CHILDREN - by Joanna Trollope - (large print) — “Bestselling author, Jo-

anna Trollope delves fearlessly into an unforgettable story about families coping with the difficulties of love in modern times: the pain of divorce, the confusion between parents and children, and the question of what makes a happy life.

—BROWSE — BORROW — BRING BACK —

—Eddie Orner, Parish librarian

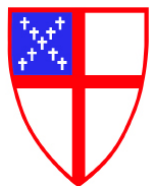
Pictures from the Past Month



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The Rev. Carolyn W. Metzler during her workshop
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